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FOR ATHERTON FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SY, US
SUBJECT: MY PROPOSED CALL ON ASAD

1. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SEEK MEETING
WITH ASAD BEFORE RETURNING TO STATES FOR CONSULTATIONS
AND KHADDAM'S VISIT. AM TENTATIVELY PLANNING DEPART
APRIL 11. IF I HAD SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT
TO WASHINGTON BY COB APRIL 7, THIS WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT
FOCUS FOR MY CALL. (ASAD HAS SEEMINGLY PREFERRED TO DEAL
WITH ME THROUGH KHADDAM WHO HAS ALWAYS MADE HIMSELF
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE WHIN I HAVE HAD ANY MESSAGE TO PASS.
PRESIDENT HAS NEVER INDICATED HE DESIRED CONTACT OTHER
THAN WHEN I HAD MESSAGE SPECIFICALLY FOR HIM.)

2. IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL POINTS I SHOULD TAKE UP BEYOND
THAT SIGNALLED IN STATE 48334 CONCERNING PALESTINIAN PARTICI-
PATION IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, PLEASE ADVISE.

3. TEHRAN 2491 INDICATES ASAD MAY BE ATTEMPTING ROPE IN
SHAH, AS HE HAS HUSSEIN IN PAST, TO SERVE AS CHANNEL TO
WASHINGTON. THERE IS VERY LIKELY SOME AS YET UNREVEALED
MOTIVE FOR HIS DOING SO. HE MAY BE MERELY ACQUIESCING

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IN HUSSEIN'S ADVICE ON THIS ONE. IT COULD ALSO BE A
DEVIOUS WAY OF INFORMING THE SHAH HE CONSIDERS HIM A CLOSE
FRIEND, AND TO DISREGARD RECENTLY RENEWED SYRIAN PRESS
ATTACKS ON IRAQ FOR HAVING SIGNED AWAY RIGHTS TO ARABISTAN
(KHUZISTAN).
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